

Amendment No. 1 to HB0995

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 972

House Bill No. 995*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4103, is amended by designating subsection (a) as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision:

(2)

(A) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1), prior to the administration of corporal punishment against a student, the student's teacher or school principal must document in the student's educational record that they have:

(i) Acted to address the student's behavior;

(ii) Provided consequences to the student to address the behavior;

(iii) Consulted with the student's parent or legal guardian about the student's behavior; and

(iv) Considered the need to conduct an initial evaluation to determine whether the student has a disability in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.), chapter 10 of this title, and the state board of education's rules.

(B) If, as a result of an evaluation conducted pursuant to subdivision (a)(2)(A)(iv), a student is found to have a disability, then corporal punishment may only be administered against the student if authorized in accordance with subsection (b).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.